

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

**APPLICANTS:** Hammond *et al.*  
**SERIAL NUMBER:** Not yet assigned                      **ART UNIT:** Not yet assigned  
**FILING DATE:** Herewith                                      **EXAMINER:** Not yet assigned  
**TITLE:** METHOD OF SELECTIVE REMOVAL OF SiGe ALLOYS

**Particulars of Prior Application:**  
Serial No.: 10/172,542  
Filed: June 14, 2002  
Group No.: 2812  
Examiner: Walter Lee Lindsay Jr.

**Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

After assigning a filing date and serial number to the above-identified continuation application, please amend this application as indicated below.

**Amendment to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper,

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper, and

**Applicant's Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.